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2. Cited Information

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- ☒ Copies of references 2-4 are enclosed.

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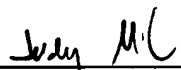
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